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Biography

Mr. Stephenson is currently the Director of Natural Resource and Environment issues for the U.S. Government Accountability Office—the investigative arm of the Congress. In that capacity, he has for the past six years directed numerous studies and research projects, issued hundreds of reports, and testified on numerous occasions before several Senate and House Committees. His work has provided invaluable assistance to the Congress in its oversight and legislative role on diverse environmental protection issues such as clean air, clean water, safe drinking water, chemical controls, toxic substances, climate change, superfund, and hazardous materials spill prevention and cleanup, as well as critical infrastructure protection.

He began his career in GAO's Cincinnati Field Office, and transferred to GAO's Washington D.C. headquarters office in 1987 where he worked on a variety of information technology and national and international security issues. From April 1998—February 2000, he was Deputy Staff Director for the Senate Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem for the Chairman (Senator Robert Bennett – R-UT), and Vice Chairman (Senator Christopher Dodd –D-CT). In that capacity, he ran the day-to-day operations of the Committee including orchestrating over 35 hearings, preparing legislation, organizing briefings and floor activities for the full Senate, working with the White House's Year 2000 Director and staff, and organizing numerous press and public events.   He returned to GAO in March 2000 where he was executive assistant to the U.S. Comptroller General (the head of GAO).

Mr. Stephenson holds a BS degree in Industrial Management from Purdue University, an MBA from Xavier University, and is a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government's Senior Executive Fellows program. He lives in Fairfax Station, Virginia with his wife, his 9-year old daughter, and his 7-year old son.